

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1119

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Arvel McNelly of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Arvel McNelly; and

WHEREAS, Arvel McNelly was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Sam and Mary McNelly, Mr. McNelly was a retired civil engineer with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, a former mayor of Rockwood, and a member of the Roane County 911 board; he served on a host of committees and boards in Rockwood and Roane County throughout his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNelly was also a United States Army Veteran, who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a man of Christian faith, Mr. McNelly was a member of Eureka Baptist Church in his childhood; he returned later in life after serving as a member of Rockwood United Methodist Church (RUMC) for many years; and

WHEREAS, he served his churches in various capacities, including as lay leader at RUMC and a lifetime deacon of Eureka Baptist Church; he was also a choir director for many years at Eureka Baptist Church, and he sang with the choir until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNelly was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Polly McNelly; siblings, Ardell, Reuben, Winford, Howard, Stanley, Vivian, Flossie, and Martha; and daughter-in-law, Alice McNelly; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his son, Larry McNelly; grandchildren, Jay (Pam) McNelly and Anne (Charles) Bell; great-grandchildren, Charlie, Reagan, Alena, Dillan, Brandon, Shelby Lynn, and Arizona; several nieces and nephews; and very special friends, Margaret Flynt and Marie McCuiston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNelly leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Arvel McNelly, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McNelly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.